Pilot Number Hunting

There is one published number and all hunting begins at this number. Hunting continues in linear sequence until the end of hunt group is reached. If no idle number is found, the calling party will hear a busy signal, or the call will go into the CLEC provided voice mail service. Members of the hunt group may or may not have their own directory number. *Note: Calls placed to any directory number other than the pilot number will not result in hunting.*
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Directory Number Hunting

Each member of the hunt is assigned a discreet directory number and hunting can start with any of those numbers. Hunting continues in linear sequence until the last member of the hunt group is reached. As an example, in a six-member hunt group, if a call is placed to the third directory number, hunting starts at the dialed directory number and continues to the fourth, fifth and sixth directory numbers. Hunting stops at the sixth directory number. If no idle number is found, the calling party will hear a busy signal or the call will go into the CLEC provided voice mail service. *Note: Directory Number Hunting is also known as 'Secretarial Hunting' and they are provisioned in the same manner.*
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Circular Hunting

Circular Hunting is an enhancement to Directory Number Hunting. Rather than stopping at the last directory number in the hunt group, hunting continues in linear sequence until it reaches the dialed directory number. As an example, in a six-member hunt group, if a call is placed to the third directory number, hunting starts at the dialed directory number and continues to the fourth, fifth and sixth directory numbers and then continues to the first and second directory numbers. If no idle number is found, the calling party will hear a busy signal or the call will go into the CLEC provided voice mail service.
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